



Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region
Long Range Planning Meeting #2
November 14, 2024
Hybrid In-Person and Via Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS** – Meeting was called to order at: 1:30 p.m.
 - a. Vince Rogalski (Chair, GVTPR & Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee), Courtney Tribble (Region 10), Michelle Haynes (Region 10), Patty Gabriel (Region 10 RGN)
 - b. **CDOT Region 3:** Jason Smith (Regional Transportation Director), Mark Rogers (Planning Lead), Dave Cesark (Planning and Environmental Manager), Jessi Spencer (Local Agency & Planning Support), Angie Hainer (Transit Capital Projects Region 3 Liaison), Nate Jean (Montrose Resident Engineer), Rob Beck (Program Engineer West)
 - c. **CDOT Region 5:** Tony Cady (Region Planning & Environmental Manager), Tim Funk (Environmental Specialist & Regional Planner), Kevin Curry (Program Engineer), TJ Burr (Transit Grant Manager & Region 5 Liaison), Mike McVaugh (HGR)
 - d. **CDOT:** Phil von Hake (Transportation Planner/Liaison), Emily Barden (Transit Planner/STIP Coordinator), Darius Pakbaz (Office of Communications Director), George Gromke (CDOT Transit Planner), Annalies van Vonno (Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Coordinator), Erik Sabina (Information Management Branch), Medora Bornhoft (Active transportation Section Manager), Melodie Clayton (Traffic and Safety Engineer), Christa Curtiss (Project Coordinator, Planning & Operations), Nathan Lindquist (Land Use Planning)
 - e. **TPR Members:** Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County, Assistant County Manager for Public Works), Josh Smith (City of Ouray, Mayor Pro Tem), Connie Hunt (Ouray County Manager), Anton Sinkewich (City of Gunnison Community Development Director), David Averill (SMART), Scott Truex (Gunnison Valley RTA), Jim Lobe (Town of Mtn Village, Transit & Recreation Director), Preston Neill (Town of Ridgway, Town Manager), David Hood (City of Delta, City Engineer), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison), James Atkinson (Town of Cedaredge Trustee), Carl Holm (Interim Public Works Town of Cedaredge), Colleen Hannon (Gunnison County Alternate), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County Commissioner), Don Suppes (Delta County Commissioner), Mike Lane (Delta County Commissioner), Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County Manager), Alyssa Lewin (All Points Transit, Mobility Manager), Roger Rash (Montrose County, BOCC), Joe Dillsworth (Town of Telluride, Transit Manager), Kris Holstrom (Hinsdale County, BOCC), Kim Bolling (Alpine Express / Telluride Express), Troy Russ (Town of Crested Butte, Community Development Director)
 - f. **Guests:** Joshua Handel (National Parks Service, Transportation Planner), Andrew Valdez (Federal Highway Administration, Program Lead Planner), Brinnen Carten (National Parks Service, Resources, Planning Compliance & GIS Manager)
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October 29, 2024 MMOF Meeting and August 29, 2024 GVTPR Meeting, Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Meeting. Motion to approve minutes: M/S: no motion or second.** None opposed.
3. **Planning Meeting #2**
 - a. **DTD Presentation | Darius Pakbaz & Melodie Clayton**
 - i. Regional Plan Development for the TPRs for the Statewide Transportation and Transit Plans that feed into the 10-year plan that feed into the 4-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).
 - ii. 3 Main Goals are: Advancing safety, fixing roads and sustainability for an increase in transportation choice.
 - iii. The 10-year plan is the strategic capital plan. There is a different planning process that has a Greenhouse Gas Standard that requires there to be a plan for a reduction in GHG.
 1. The legislation requires the MPOs to have a specific plan and for the regional TPRs CDOT has a statewide plan. If you do not meet the standard for the GHG standard it will reduce the amount of funding or the type of funding that you can use.
 - iv. Region 3 Strategic Highway Safety Plan Workshop – held in Glenwood – we asked what some of the safety concerns and some themes were we learned were
 1. Data Gaps how does safety look for severe crashes, weather related crashes, community lead safety projects.
 2. Infrastructure & project Specific Funding
 3. Collaboration & Partnerships
 4. Community Led Safety Improvements

5. Inclusion of Diverse Communities
6. Data Driven Enforcement Efforts
- v. Region 5 Strategic Highway Safety Plan Workshop – held in Durango
 1. Technology and behavior driven risks: an increased amount of distractions
 2. Data Gaps
 3. Enhanced Education & Training: affordable drivers' education
 4. Rural Specific challenges: limited access to ride share program or tourist concerns
 5. Infrastructure funding needs
 6. Collaboration in the community
 7. Barriers to access
- vi. Common themes Statewide
 1. Safety as a priority
 2. Enhanced Driver's Education Programs
 3. Increased Funding for Safety Improvements
 4. Guidance for Grant Navigation Support
 5. Comprehensive Educational Campaigns, Language Barriers and Cultural Groups
 6. Expansion of Partnerships across different levels of government and community partners
- vii. Online Long Range Transportation Plan Visualizer – available on CDOT Website: [2050 Long Range Transportation Planning Visualizer](#) : includes multiple layers such as paving conditions, safety data, usage of the roadways, transit data, etc.
- viii. GVTPR Goals (see the list in the Packet included)
 1. The Gunnison Valley TPR will accommodate the Region's existing and future multi modal transportation needs by maintaining a safe, convenient, reliable, and efficient transportation network that supports the economic growth of the Region by providing transportation choice for residents, visitors and businesses of the Region.
 2. See the list of RTP Goals in the presentation included in the packet: TPR was asked for their feedback
 - a. #4 & #6 from the 2045 goals could be combined for the 2050 goals.
 - b. Add rural to #10 of the 2045 goals for modification for the 2050 goals.
- ix. GVTPR Focus Areas (see the list in the Packet included)
 1. It was suggested to move Economic Development down to Regional Growth rather than with Regional Transit as a focus area, none opposed
- x. Status Update on Gunnison Valley TPR Projects
 1. Project database includes capital improvement projects that were developed in 2019, see the GVTPR Project List that was included in the packet. The purpose is to go through that list, remove the items that were completed, review the remaining items and determine if they are still priorities, and then add new priorities.
 2. By the time that the TPR meets for the February meeting each of the counties/communities should have looked through the list to make updates, additions or deletions based on priority projects that will impact your community or are a regional need.
 3. Last time there were 25 priority projects on the GVTPR list. On the list distributed there are 114 projects that came from the current project database and the TPR will want to prioritize the projects remaining on that list.
 - a. It does make sense to keep the 114 on a list of projects so that they are at least identified in a plan somewhere, but the TPR want to determine the priority smaller list to 25 projects that will be funded with strategic dollars from CDOT.
 - b. Region 3 has 10 projects, Region 5 has 10 projects, and the remaining projects are transit.
- xi. Most of the projects that were identified in 2019-2026 have been funded, the first 8 years of the 10 year plan.
- xii. Status of the Priority of the GVTPR list;
 1. 9 were funded, 1 found other funding sources, 1 has moved out of the 10-year plan and 14 were unfunded.
 - a. Other funding sources include: MMOF, TAP, Revitalizing Main Streets, New Enterprises, etc.
- xiii. Status of the Database of projects:
 1. 17 were funded, 5 found other funding sources, 8 moved out of the 10-year plan, and 89 were unfunded.
- xiv. For the 2050 Plan: New Projects under Consideration, what would the TPR like to be prioritized?

1. We may have 1-3 spots for priority projects open if the same priority projects are rolled over from the 2045 plan to the 2050 plan.
 2. Are the previous priorities good?
 3. Are there new priorities that need to be included?
 4. Or do you want to focus on fixing some existing assets?
 5. Even if there may be other funding sources available for projects they still encourage them to at least be included in the database of projects so that they are identified in the plan.
- xv. Each of the counties should go over that list to see what needs to be changed or added to the list.
- b. Discussion Questions:
- i. Once projects have been identified for the what is the evaluation process for how to prioritize those projects, is it a criteria GVPTTR sets, the Statewide Goals, or another evaluation?
 1. The Statewide Goals are: Advancing Transportation Safety, Fixing Roads and Sustainability/Increase Transportation Choice
 2. GVPTTR Goals are: Risk & Resilience, Mobility, Economic Vitality: Tourism, Equity, Economic Vitality: Freight, Cost Effectiveness, Transit Ridership Potential
 - ii. The hope is that when we finish meeting #3 in February that we will have the list of 20-25 priorities for the 2050 plan. Meeting #4, by June, will have to be a presentation of the Draft of the 2050 Plan. The TPR could decide to schedule a meeting between #3 & #4.
 1. It was decided that each of the counties would evaluate the list over the next 3 months and get their priorities to their CDOT Region so that at meeting #3 in February some decisions could be made by the TPR. Counties should get their lists to each of their respective CDOT Regions and Transit Projects can go to Emily Barten.
- c. **Active Transportation Plan ATP | Annelies Van Vonno**
- i. Complete project concept is that the projects meet the needs of people and places and use context-sensitive solutions to improve access, mobility & safety. 7 considerations
 1. People, Safety, Cost Effectiveness, Mobility (all modes), Choice, Demand, Context.
 - ii. Active Transportation is any human- scale and typically human-powered modes of transportation such as walking, running, biking, rollerblading, scooter, skateboarding, wheelchair or other personal assistive mobility device.
 1. Those users are often considered vulnerable users based on safety and will need additional protections to keep them safe on the roads.
 2. The main reasons CDOT invests in Active Transportation are: Safety, Sustainably Increase Transportation Choice, Economic Growth, Community Connections, Equity, Public Health.
 3. There are many different programs that fund Active Transportation through: CDOT Managed Grant Programs, USDOT Managed Grant Programs, Other State Agencies, or as a part of the 10-year Plan.
 - iii. The last ATP was completed in 2012
 1. It is not a project-based plan but we want you to integrated Active Transportation in the Long Range Plan.
 - iv. Draft Goals: Safety, Equity, Mobility/Choice, Connecting Communities.
 - v. There are 3 Phases to the update:
 1. Public Survey on active transportation (Completed, see results in presentation included in meeting packet.)
 2. Vision, goals and strategies
 3. Implementation Plan
 - vi. There is a Statewide Community Advisory Committee that consists of state agency representatives, MPO and TPR representatives and bicycle and pedestrian advocates.
 1. Colleen Hannon volunteered to be on the committee.
- d. **Transit | George Gromke**
- i. Developing Gunnison Valley's Transit Vision: accommodate the Region's existing and future multimodal transportation needs by maintaining a safe, convenient, reliable and efficient transportation network that supports the economic growth of the Region by providing transportation choice for residents, visitors and tourists.
 - ii. Gunnison Valley has 6 transit providers and a number of human services providers that provide transit.
 - iii. Need to keep in mind for transit in the Regional Transportation Plan, are there needs identified, who is running the project, is there sustainable funding for transit. There are alternative transit funds outside of the strategic fund to help fund transit projects.

- iv. CDOT is working on a Transit Connection Study (TCS) that looks at market potential, gaps & needs, focus on populations with unmet needs, connections to other modes and statewide network integration.
- v. RTP provides input for the Region's priorities for projects, helping to inform some of the projects.
- vi. Examples of projects: Corridor Studies with heavy bus usage and how it impacts road conditions, or Road Improvements that include bus pull outs/slip lanes and how those can be included in projects.
- vii. Regional Transportation Plans that are still on the list are:
 1. Western Slope Maintenance and Storage Facility
 2. Outrider stop and shelter improvements in Montrose, Delta & Gunnison
 3. New fixed-route regional transit service between Montrose & Telluride.

4. Federal Lands Access Program

a. Federal Lands Access | Andrew Valdez

- i. Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant – Federal Highway Association (FHWA)
 1. Working with CDOT to update the Federal Lands Access Appendices
 2. We have BLM, Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre National Forrest, Black Canyon National Forrest
 3. Would like to schedule an in-person workshop to get all the parties together or we could provide the TPR with a project list from 2020 and the TPR could update on their own.
 4. No longer a match requirement for the program.
 5. Colorado gets about 16.5 million a year in flat funding and typically we will fund 3-4 years at a time. Call for projects in Mid-2025.

b. Transportation Planner NPS | Joshua Handel

- i. Uphill Bicycle Lane from 347/50
 1. Provides access to all the Black Canyon Park visitors
 2. Challenges, narrow road and a high volume of cyclists.
 3. Being a national park a lot of visitors arrive in larger vehicles that present challenges for them and the cyclists.
 4. Would like to consider some sort of shoulder treatment, traditional shoulder, bike lane or intermittent bike lane.
 5. Need a partner for FLAP, the National Park Service cannot be the lead agent. The grant opens in 2025. Looking for Feasibility Study, design, or Construction
- ii. Roundabout 347/50

5. Next GVTPR Meetings:

- a. **Next Planning Meeting:** February 13, 2025, 1:30pm-3:30pm

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm